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REDUCTION IN FODDER COST
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on cutting fodder costs by adopting innovative methods; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and results yielded by the Government so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJIV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) For sustainable and continuous growth of livestock sector, the department has launched National Livestock Mission during 2014-15. This Mission is formulated with the objectives of sustainable development of livestock sector, focusing on improving availability of quality feed and fodder, risk coverage, effective extension, improved flow of credit and organization of livestock farmers / rearers, etc. with the following four Sub-Missions:

I. Sub-Mission on Livestock Development,
II. Sub-Mission on Pig Development in North-eastern Region,
III. Sub-Mission on Fodder and Feed Development,
IV. Sub-Mission on Skill Development, Technology Transfer and Extension.

It broadly covers all the activities required to ensure quantitative and qualitative improvement in livestock production systems and capacity building of all stakeholders.

The details of the innovative components of the scheme under the submission on Fodder and Feed Development are furnished below:

S.No.	Name of the Components	Pattern of Assistance	Objectives
1.	Fodder production from Non-forest wasteland/ rangeland/ grassland/ non-arable land	75:25	Creating surplus reserve of forage for use during lean periods/crisis situations
2.	Fodder production from forest land	75:25	Creating surplus reserve of forage for use during lean periods/crisis situations
3.	Fodder Seed Production/ Procurement & Distribution	75:25	Promoting cultivation of superior variety of fodder crops for fodder seeds. The use of quality seeds of improved high yielding varieties of fodder crops is crucial in increasing green fodder yield per unit area.
4.	Distribution of Hand Driven chaff cutters	75:25	Reducing wastage of fodder approx (30-40%) by chopping and promoting better utilization of fodder.
5.	Distribution of Power Driven chaff cutters	50:50	Reducing wastage of fodder approx (30-40%) by chopping and promoting better utilization of fodder.
6.	Establishment of Fodder Block Making Unit	50:50	Ensuring availability of fodder during crisis situations for survival of livestock during drought/floods

7. Distribution of low capacity, tractor mountable Fodder Block Making units , hay baling machines/reapers/ forage harvesters	50:50	Promoting conservation of fodder and converting crop residues in to fodder blocks through the use of modern technologies
8. Establishment of silage making Units	75:25	During the period of surplus supply of green fodder it helps in providing quality fodder during lean period
9. Establishment of by- pass protein/fat making units	75:25	For feeding high yielding dairy animals to make better use of available high quality meals and improve feed efficiency
10. Establishment of Area Specific Mineral Mixture / Feed Pelleting / Feed manufacturing Unit:	75:25	To improve the productivity of livestock
11. Establishment /moderni- zation of Feed testing laboratories	75:25	To promote production and supply of quality feed

Regarding results, no formal study has been undertaken by the department.